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28TH JANUARY 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

200 CLUB DRAW

21/1/24 Wk 43 No. 47 P Ferguson £20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

Sacred Heart	£292.21	126
SS Peter & Paul	£117.00	32

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: At every Mass we listen to the Word of God being proclaimed to us. The Gospel is proclaimed by either a Deacon or a Priest. The other passages from Scripture are the remit of Lay People. This applies to both our Sunday Masses and our weekday Masses as Masses return to normal. Currently, we have a severe shortage of Lay People who are willing to undertake this essential Ministry during the week. If any of you are interested in exercising this Ministry, please contact Fr. Sam or Rev. Chris and Rev. Jim.

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK: Please see the poster in the church porch showing the work made possible by your continued donations. Many, many families have benefitted from your kindness. Our thanks go to the amazing team of volunteers putting kindness into action. We hope to provide further help in January when the result of Christmas expenditure often bites the hardest. Blessings on you all for your generosity. For the dates, please follow St Michaels website and Facebook pages <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelschurchpreston> and <https://www.stmichaelswithstmarkpreston.co.uk/> Anyone new wishing to volunteer at the foodbank should contact Paul.j.taylor345@gmail.com

FIRST CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION: The next tranche is due to start with a general meeting in Sacred Heart Centre at 6pm THIS Monday 29th January 2024. For those who have not supplied Baptismal certificates please bring them along.

ROSARY: The Rosary is prayed together at SS Peter & Paul's Church on every Saturday morning at 10.30am. The Rosary Intention for January is *The sick and housebound of The Parish*

MSP APPEAL: There will be an appeal and retiring collection. for the Missionary Society of St Paul today. There are Gift Aid envelopes at the back of Church for your use if you are a taxpayer.

WORLD LEPROSY DAY: There will be a retiring collection for Leprosy NEXT Sunday 4th February.

THE FEAST OF CANDLEMAS: Fr Sam will be blessing candles at Mass on Friday. Please bring your candles from home if you would like them to be blessed.

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

BINGO in Sacred Heart Hall – Thursday, 1st February, 2pm – 4pm...ALL WELCOME.

COFFEE MORNING at SS Peter & Paul Church – on Sunday 4th February after Mass – ALL WELCOME

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday 8th February at 7pm in the Presbytery.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Kay Slater, Cath Nickson, Barbara Kay, Phillip McGuill, Terry Ward, Tom Price, Agnes Lomax and Martha Taylor.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Sheila Pullman & George Woods

(Names of Sick and Housebound should only be given with the agreement of the family) Please pass any names to the clergy.

BULLETIN: Kindly send in your message/s for the bulletin at the latest Thursday evening for production on Friday. Please when booking your Mass Intention(s) kindly indicate the Church and Time preferred and give as much notice as possible to avoid duplication of times. In cases of duplication Masses will be said on a first received basis.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 27th January St Angela Merici	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary November List
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 28th January FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Racial Justice Day)	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Special Intention – Mrs E Monks Ideba family thanksgiving Olive, Tom & Jenny Ferguson RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	
Monday 29th January	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	November List
Tuesday 30th January	Sacred Heart	6.30 p.m.	Joahann & Michael McClusky RIP & Ann & James Swarbrick RIP
Wednesday 31st January St John Bosco	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	Olive Ferguson RIP
Thursday 1st February	SS Peter & Paul	10.00 a.m.	Ken Slater RIP
Friday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD The Feast of Candlemas	Sacred Heart	9.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Saturday 3rd February St Blaise	SS Peter & Paul	10.30 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary Christine, Hector & Florence May Ferguson RIP
	SS Peter & Paul	11.00 a.m.	
Sunday 4th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Sutcliffe & Worrall families
	SS Peter & Paul	11.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Leeming and Hindle families

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWS

BINGO: The next bingo session will be held This Thursday, 1st February Sacred Heart Centre at 2pm – 4pm. Please come and join in a fun afternoon.
TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS: Tea and Coffee will be served in the porch after Sunday Mass. Please stay and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH NEWS

COFFEE MORNING: Our next Coffee morning will be NEXT Sunday 4th February after Mass. All Welcome
FOOD DONATIONS: Any food donations brought to church will now go to Refugees at Talk English. Cash donations will still go to the Cupboard Love food bank.

PALMS: Over the next 2 weeks please bring any palms you many have at home, into church. These will be burnt to be used on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

GENERAL NEWS

SVP: If you would like a visit from any of our members or are lonely or housebound, please contact Bernard Unsworth, 01772 875151

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024: Please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 23rd – 30th July 2024. The Youth Section will travel by coach with an evening and a day sightseeing in Paris 22nd July – 1st August 2024. For further information please check out the Diocesan Pilgrimage website www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk or email operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk and for the youth email youth@lancaster.co.uk Please see the posters in the church porch. Please see Fr Sam for a Booking form.

STELLA MARIS (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) will be holding a special Mass for seafarers and fishers, to be celebrated by Bishop Paul Swarbrick, on Saturday 10th February at 12.15pm at The Cathedral Church of St Peter, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3B. It will be followed by a reception. This is the first Mass of its kind in the Lancaster Diocese. All Parishioners are invited to attend. Please email Roland.Hayes@stellamarismail.org to confirm attendance.

PRESTON CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION – Date for your Diary – **Sunday 2nd June at 2pm at St Walburges Church.**

WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT SCHOOL REUNION: The annual reunion will take place on **Saturday 10th February 2024** from 1.30pm - 3.30pm. at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive, Fulwood. PR2 9UE. All past pupils (and Staff) are welcome to attend and bring along memorabilia and photographs to share.